



Welcome to the Tribal Consultation Listening Session

Workshop Description

This workshop is a listening session with the intent to gather input about how to develop a formal “government-to-government” tribal consultation process. In 2011 Governor Jerry Brown issued Executive Order B-10-11, which declares that “every state agency and department shall encourage communication and consultation with California Indian Tribes...to provide meaningful input into the development of legislation, regulations, rules, and policies on matters that may affect tribal communities.”

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) values its relationships with tribal nations, and remains committed to improving communication and consultation. Therefore, it is CDSS’ desire to improve and broaden its outreach and engagement with California tribes.

In this listening session, audience members will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on what they want “government-to-government” consultation to be as it pertains to the tribal community and the California Department of Social Services on child welfare services. CDSS, the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, the Santa Rosa Rancheria-Tachi Yokut, and North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians are co-hosting this session

This session is an important step toward establishing a formal consultation process with tribal nations regarding significant child welfare issues. Your participation is instrumental in strengthening our state-to-tribal government relationship. We welcome you and your valuable insight and feedback to ensure a formal consultation process be adequately developed with the goal of serving and protecting Native American children and families in child welfare.

Note: Please limit your comments to the topic of government-to-government consultation. Please refrain from discussing concerns about specific case. Written comments and concerns may be submitted for CDSS follow-up.

Further questions or comments, you may contact: icwa@dss.ca.gov
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